



## Greenbelters Walk as One Creating a One-city Home

by Sununu Bah

Residents of Greenbelt East, Greenbelt Center and Greenbelt West united as one on a sunny Sunday afternoon for the city's third Help Unite Greenbelt (HUG) Walk hosted by Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK).

The HUG Walk was inspired by unity walks and concern over the divisiveness RUAK founder Robert Goldberg-Strassler witnessed while he was handing out kindness bags at six different sites in Greenbelt during National Night Out in August 2018. Goldberg-Strassler said he is attempting "to make Greenbelt more of a one-city home."

Laura Bonkosky, a Greenbelt yoga instructor and yoga



RUAK and HUG Walk founder Robert Goldberg-Strassler poses with Police Officer Sharnise Hawkins-Graham.

therapist, came out to support Goldberg-Strassler's efforts to unite the three parts of the city. "When somebody does something that's pro-social, that's beneficial to the community, it's inspiring.

It makes me want to do it, too," said Bonkosky, who is a volunteer at the Greenbelt News Review.

According to Goldberg-Strassler the HUG walk has grown from around 20 sponsors in its first year, 2019, to over 65 social, civic and religious sponsors, despite not being able to operate in 2020 due to Covid. The sponsors "spread the word and turn out," said Goldberg-Strassler, noting there are no financial contributions.

The walk started at the Indian Creek Trail near Beltway Plaza at 1:30 p.m. on October 9. It featured five additional locations every 30 minutes for new participants to join the crowd, before finishing at Schrom Hills Park.

Marti Galvin, who is the secretary of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, said Goldberg-Strassler is always promoting activities that combine the various areas of Greenbelt, something she strongly supports. "I'm always excited about the idea of seeing people I know who are seeing [these efforts] and supporting the same things that I am," said Galvin, who is a 30-year resident of Greenbelt.

Goldberg-Strassler said the HUG Walk also allows new residents of Greenbelt and first-time participants to see the many

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## Food Recovery Week Aims To Reduce Much Food Waste

by Tom Taylor



PHOTO BY JOE ROBBINS

Food recovery at the Greenbelt Farmers Market

Food Recovery Week, co-sponsored by the Prince George's County Food Equity Council and supported by the Greenbelt Zero Waste Circle, will be observed October 16 to 22 in the D.C. metro area. The week-long observance is designed to promote awareness of food waste prevention and food security needs.

A series of free events will be offered both in person and virtually throughout the week that are designed for learning "easy things you can do at home and ways to support community efforts to reduce food waste and increase food security for all," according to the Food Recovery Week website. Host organizations will offer learning and informational events that include food waste reduction, how to use leftover produce food scraps, minimizing food waste at home, composting and other topics. All events are free. A full listing of activities is available at the event website: [dmvfoodrecoveryweek.org](https://dmvfoodrecoveryweek.org).

What Is Food Recovery?

Food recovery, also known as food rescue, is the practice of collecting edible food that would otherwise be thrown away and distributing it to local emergency food programs. About one-third of food produced in the U.S. is never eaten due to loss or waste, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Environmental Protection Agency.

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## Greenbelt Shares Cooperative Roots with Early U.K. Activists

by Cathie Meetre



PHOTO COURTESY FOOD MANUFACTURE

Today's UK co-ops have a modern open design.

October is Co-op Month and Greenbelt has perhaps the largest concentration of cooperatives per capita anywhere in the U.S. With seven varied co-ops, the city epitomizes the cooperative spirit.

City cooperatives include the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy, Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, Greenbelt Homes Inc., Greenbelt Nursery School, Greenbelt News Review, New Deal Café and the most recent, Makerspace. Gone, sadly, is the Cooperative Babysitting Association which contributed so much to the mental health of young families back in the day

(although it continues in some respects as the Greenbelt Mamas and Papas).

All Greenbelt co-ops except the News Review are variants of consumer cooperatives. These exist to purchase or otherwise provide goods, resources, services and management for the collective benefit of the member customers. The News Review is the only worker cooperative in the city, and the difference is that its members receive dividends on the basis of the amount and type of work contributed, not on the amount of purchases.

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PHOTO BY PETER TEUBEN

Black Masala plays at the Crazy Quilt Festival on Saturday, October 8. See more photos, page 16.



# Letters to the Editor

## Free Passes?

Greenbelt City employees should be given free passes to the Aquatic & Fitness Center.

By giving city employees free access, it would, if properly and adequately used, make the work-force more healthy, have less absenteeism and be more useful in doing their jobs. This is especially important to first responders and the police. Having healthy and more-fit first responders and police would make them better at doing their jobs and possibly fewer absentees.

I am not saying that they currently are not healthy as I do not know their current status nor am I a medical doctor.

Additionally, the city could give employees three times a week an hour at the facility on the city's time if an accurate attendance is verified by the Fitness Center staff. This would encourage the use of free access.

Randy Crenwelge

## Crazy Quilt Crew Thanks Sponsors

The Crazy Quilt Festival, held October 8 at Roosevelt Center, wishes to thank their sponsors for their generous support.

New Deal Café, Friends of New Deal Café Arts, Todd Turner, Greenbelt Online, City of Greenbelt, Colin Byrd, Sarah Liska from Freedom Realty, Marc Hershkowitz from TTR Sotheby's Int'l Realty, McCarl Dental Group, Beltway Plaza Merchants Association, Charles A. Smith, Friends of New Deal Café, Kim Kash of Compass, Judith Davis, Kristen Weaver, Ric Gordon, Paul Pinsky, Alonzo Washington, Jonathan Harper and Connecting Across Greenbelt.

For more information visit [newdealcafe.com](http://newdealcafe.com).

Katy Gaughan  
Richard McMullin

## Safe Listening

My second arrival at the October 8 Crazy Quilt Festival was near the end of the performance of the extremely loud Black Masala band.

Wearing hearing protectors, I immediately placed my cat at a safe listening distance and became occupied with motivating young parents to shoo their children away from the bandstand, lest their more delicate hearing become damaged.

I suggest regular announcing – something on the order of: “We suggest that if any of you parents feel concerned that the sound levels of some of the bands might be excessive for your children, you should move them away from the bandstand area.”

OR  
“No children are allowed near the bandstand area.”

OR  
Five or more signs reading, “No Children Are Allowed Near the Bandstand Area.”

Thanks,

Bill Norwood

(who has lost much of his hearing because of having no better sense than to stand and work amidst 100+ decibel industrial and entertainment sounds)

Greenbelt since 1981

P.S. I wanted the Greenbelt Deaf Community to receive a copy of this, but could not find them listed among the Greenbelt organizations. There is a Facebook presence, but not everybody does Facebook.

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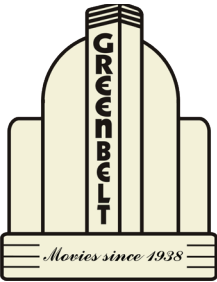
## Correction

The story in last week's issue about the ekphrastic art show at the New Deal Café was mistakenly attributed. The reporter was Melissa Sites.

## Crisis Hotline's New Number is 988

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline dialing code is now 988 and is available for phone calls and text messages.

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THE GOOD HOUSE (R) (CC) (DVS) (2022) (103 MINS)

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SAT. 5:15 PM, 8:00 PM  
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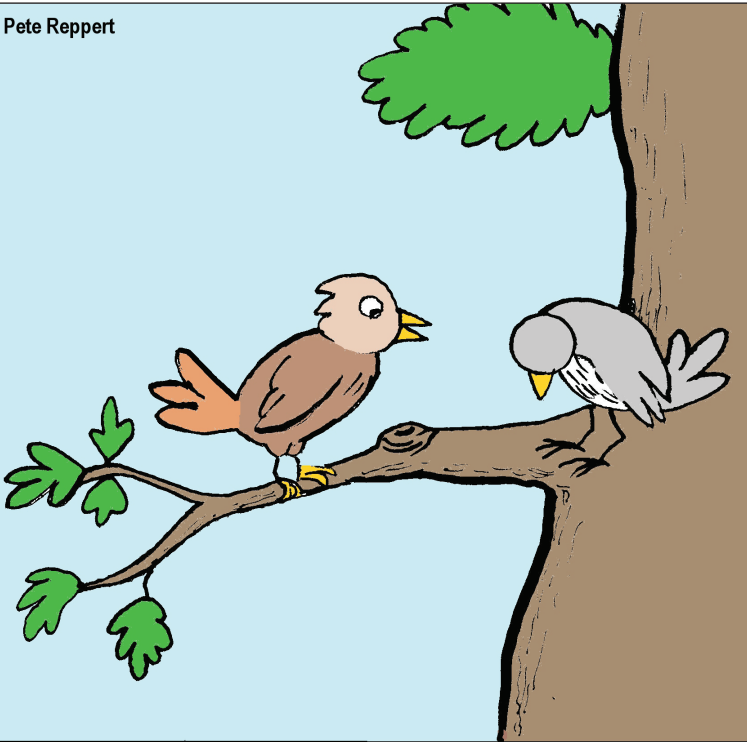
MON. 2:00 PM (OC), 5:15 PM  
SCREEN 2

BATTLEGROUND (NR) (2022) (105 MINS)

W/ GUEST SPEAKER - FREE!

TUES. 7:00 PM SCREEN 1

Pete Reppert



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- News Review, May 30, 2019

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Deadline for letters is 6 p.m. Monday. Submission does not guarantee publication. Letters should be no longer than 300 words (shorter letters are more likely to be published).

Letters may be edited for clarity, grammar, civility and space constraints. The News Review may add a comment from the editor if deemed necessary.

All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address, and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider requests for the name to be withheld.



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GNR external office door mail slot is located up a few stairs 25 yards left of the Community Center's east door near the municipal building.

## On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

## The Good House

The Good House follows Hildy Good (Sigourney Weaver), a wry New England realtor and descendant of the Salem witches, who loves her wine and her secrets. Her compartmentalized life begins to unravel as she rekindles a romance with her old high-school flame, Frank Getchell (Kevin Kline), and becomes dangerously entwined in one person's reckless behavior. Igniting long-buried emotions and family secrets, Hildy is propelled toward a reckoning with the one person she's been avoiding for decades: herself.

## Amsterdam

Based on the Business Plot, a 1933 political conspiracy in the U.S., the film follows three friends – a doctor, a nurse and a lawyer – who are caught in the mysterious murder of a U.S. senator. The period mystery comedy thriller was directed, written and produced by acclaimed David O. Russell. It stars an ensemble cast, led by Christian Bale, Margot Robbie and John David Washington, and features Chris Rock, Anya Taylor-Joy, Zoe Saldana, Mike Myers, Michael Shannon, Timothy Olyphant, Andrea Riseborough, Taylor Swift, Matthias Schoenaerts, Alessandro Nivola, Rami Malek and Robert De Niro. Said Brian Truitt of USA Today, “Amsterdam is pretty much an all-star game where everybody excels at their roles and no one's showboating.”

## Battleground

Comprised of Gen Z activists, members of the Christian Right and even some Democrats, there are powerful organizations across the U.S. sharing a common goal: to render abortion illegal. This eye-opening documentary focuses on three women from distinctly different walks of life who are leading the charge in their quest to overturn Roe v. Wade, as they face down forces equally determined to safeguard women's right to choose. Immersing the viewer in the anti-abortion side of the discourse, the viewer bears witness to their well-organized networks, politically potent activism and their policy gains under Trump. With first-rate access to protests, conferences and recruiting campaigns, this may prove to be an illuminating portrayal of anti-abortion advocates for those on the other side of the debate.



# Community Events

## Reel & Meal Shows Invisible Hand Film

Reel and Meal’s film this month is Invisible Hand, which will be shown on Monday, October 17. The program is free and starts at 7 p.m.

Invisible Hand is a documentary about the Rights of Nature, an innovative legal movement that protects water, animals and ecosystems by giving them legal rights. The movement began in Pennsylvania in 2006. The film covers the international fight against the Dakota Access Pipeline at Standing Rock, N.D., and the adoption of Rights of Nature into Ecuador’s national constitution. Cradled in both Haudenosaunee prophecy and free market economic theory, the film asks “If a corporation has rights, why can’t an ecosystem?”

Following the film, there will be a discussion led by Directors Melissa Troutman and Joshua Pribanic, who are environmental investigative journalists with the Public Herald.

The New Deal Café serves a variety of meals, including a vegan option. For online attendees, the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket offers a vegan option (local favorite Dodah’s Kitchen lasagna) from the grab-and-go side of the deli’s hot-food case and available from 11 a.m. until the Co-op closes at 9 p.m. To register for the film, go to [tinyurl.com/ReelNMealOct17](http://tinyurl.com/ReelNMealOct17).

## Credit Union Hosts Shredding Day on Sat.

Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will host Community Shred Day on Saturday, October 15 from 9 a.m. to noon or until the truck is full. The credit union will shred personal documents, up to five banker-box-sized containers per person.

No trash, batteries, plastic, unattended or contaminated paper. This event is co-sponsored by the City of Greenbelt.

The shredding event will take place in the parking lot behind the Credit Union at 112 Centerway. Those with questions can call 301-474-5900.

## Halloween Hijinks At Museum House

Take an evening stroll in October and peek through the windows of the Greenbelt Museum House, 10-B Crescent Road, to see a collection of glowing vintage blow molds. Or book a Sunday tour and come inside.

The Museum wasn’t able to decorate for Halloween the past couple of years, so this year they are trying something new. Instead of displaying decorations strictly from the 1930s to the 1950s (the era on which the Museum focuses) they expanded the time period to include items from the 1960s and 1970. After all, 1970 was over 50 years ago.

The change allowed the inclusion of a different kind of seasonal decoration – blow molds! These bright and cheery pumpkins and other shapes are manufactured by blowing melted plastic into a mold using air pressure. The resulting lightweight plastic shapes are then used as they are, like pumpkin candy pails, or they’re lit from the inside with a small light bulb to create a special spooky glow. The first blow mold intended for outdoor use was the iconic Pink Flamingo created in 1957 by Don Featherstone, an artist who worked for Union Products, one of the companies that would go on to produce dozens of blow molds for every holiday.

To tour the inside of the house, visit [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) online to reserve a spot on an upcoming Sunday.



## Greenbelt Kite Fly

Greenbelt Unplugged is sponsoring a Kite Fly at Northway Fields on Saturday, October 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. Kite kits and decorating supplies are available and free for children of all ages. Bring kites and come fly with us. No kite, no worries, there are many to share.



## Last Call for 2022 Grant Proposals

The Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) fall grant cycle deadline is midnight on Saturday, October 15. This will be the last opportunity to submit a grant in 2022. For details on how to submit a grant, visit the website at [greenbeltfoundation.org](http://greenbeltfoundation.org).

For last-minute questions contact Ellen Carter and Stephanie Calhoun at the official email address: [greenbeltcommunityfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltcommunityfoundation@gmail.com).

GCF seeks to support a thriving, engaged community that is socially responsible and environmentally conscious, and supports education, the arts and sciences. GCF does this by helping to fund community projects that serve Greenbelt citizens while building upon the ideals of collaboration, cooperation and engagement through the generous participation of individuals and organizations. GCF grant amounts are based on the application but can range from a few hundred dollars up to a maximum of \$5,000.

## Md. Emancipation Day

The Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee will commemorate Maryland Emancipation Day with presentations by Dr. Frank Smith, executive director of the African American Civil War Museum, and FREED – Female Re-Enactors of Distinction – on Saturday, November 5 at 2 p.m. at the Community Center. For additional information contact [blackhistoryandculturegb@gmail.com](mailto:blackhistoryandculturegb@gmail.com).



## Greenbelt Writers Meet October 21

Calling all writers: The Greenbelt Writers Group meets at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 21, at the Community Center. If you wish, bring a brief writing of yours to share. Plans for the fall and winter will be discussed. New members always welcome.

For more information, contact Barbara Ford at 301-441-8241.

## Greenbelt PORCH Helps Year-round

With Thanksgiving around the corner, it is typical to be generous with contributions of time and donations of food items. However, hunger is not seasonal. Greenbelt PORCH brings attention to struggling neighbors year-round.

Those in neighborhoods without a monthly food drive can help through P.A.L. (PORCH At Large). To participate, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at [spreadruak@gmail.com](mailto:spreadruak@gmail.com) with an address by noon on Sunday, October 23 and leave donations marked RUAK or PORCH by the front door and visible from the street. Ensure donated items have not passed their expiration date.

Upcoming collection dates are as follows:

Sunday, October 23. By 4 p.m. for 9 and 12 Courts Ridge Road and 11 and 13 Courts Ridge Road, Boxwood Village and P.A.L. (PORCH At Large) members (including former Woodland Hill donors); by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive

Saturday, October 29. By 10 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill.

Volunteers who would like to expand Greenbelt PORCH to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt, particularly Greenbelt East, are always welcome. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection with Greenbelt PORCH, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at [spreadruak@gmail.com](mailto:spreadruak@gmail.com).

## Golden Age Club Celebrates Birthdays

The Golden Age Club next meets on Wednesday, October 19 at 11 a.m. in the Community Center, second floor activity room, for the celebration of October birthdays. Bring lunch and a finger food dessert to share.

## Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday, October 15, at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. Attendees can expect to see Saturn and Jupiter, plus galaxies, nebulae and star clusters currently high in the sky, viewed through the observatory telescope and astronomical camera. All are welcome, and visitors are encouraged to set up their own telescopes on the hilltop.

Observing will begin at 7:30 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

## Greenbelt Chess Club

The Chess Club meets twice a month. The next meeting is Monday, October 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the New Deal Café. The group welcomes all levels and ages. Chess instruction will be provided as needed. Participants are welcome to bring their own chess set.


For more information, call organizer Effie Levner at 443-415-1053.

## Utopia Film Festival

The 18th Annual Utopia Film Festival begins on November 18 with an exciting line-up of new films and filmmaker discussion programs. Starting this week, you can watch some of our fine films from recent years on the GATe station.



Check our schedule below. We broadcast locally on cable TV (Verizon Channel 19, Comcast 77) or anywhere on our website at [GreenbeltaccessTV.org](http://GreenbeltaccessTV.org).



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### Greenbelt Access Television

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7am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
8am	Democracy Now!	Yesterday's Syndicated Program
9am	Utopia Film Festival Presents	Music Documentaries • Robert Johnson, Merv Conn, Jack Thorpe
11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
1pm	PGCPS Science Bowl 2022	Greenbelt v. Martin Luther King Jr. Middle
2pm	Music at the New Deal SEASON TWO	Ron Hicks Project • Jazz, Blues
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Saturday, 10/15, Zoom Poetry Open Mic (RockyDude.com to join), 1 - 3pm

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Monday, 10/17, Reel and Meal Monthly Film Series, 7 - 9pm  
(For info, see EVENTS page at [NewDealCafe.com](http://NewDealCafe.com))

Tuesday, 10/18, Open Mic with Joey Campfire, 6:30 - 9pm

Wednesday, 10/19, Pub Quiz (Test Your Trivia!), 7 - 9pm

Thursday, 10/20, Jelly Roll Mortals (DC Area Musical Vagabonds), 7 - 9pm

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Letters continued

More on the History Of Greenbelt Park

I read with great interest Matt Arbach’s October 6 story on the history of Greenbelt Park. It contained a lot of information I never knew. In particular, I don’t remember ever hearing of the proposal for a theme park. I am sure it would have caused quite a ruckus in the city if it had been known.

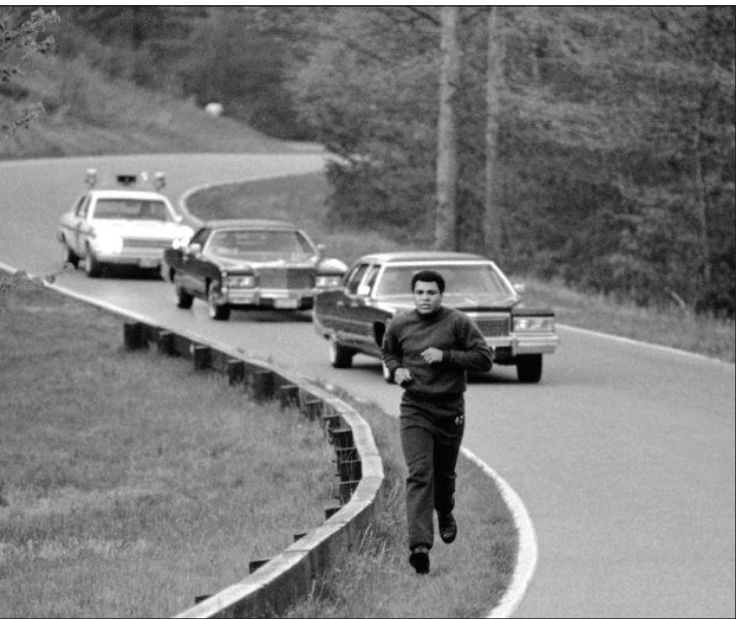
I was aware of there being a plan for a golf course. I understood it was to have been built on the portion of the park east of the Parkway, although access would have been through a tunnel under the Parkway with no access to the park on the east side. Even so, the non-city residents adjacent to the park were not happy about the proposal and it was never seriously pursued.

As I understood it, the main obstacle to developing the park originally was lack of funding. There was never any strong

push by anyone to provide funds for the park, as far as I know. Later, those with strong environmental feelings nixed any other proposals for development.

One minor piece of history. On April 30, 1976, Muhammad Ali fought a boxing match with Jimmy Young in the now-demolished Capital Centre in Landover. In preparation for that fight, Ali did road workouts at Greenbelt Park. Few people knew of this, but the Greenbelt Police found out and I believe a number of officers got their picture taken with the legendary boxer. I remember, in particular, one of Ali with Officer (later Chief) Jim Craze, which was published in the News Review.

*Jim Giese*  
Editor’s note: See the photo and read Jim Giese’s story about Ali’s visit to Greenbelt in the June 9, 2016 issue of the News Review ([greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/GNR20160609.pdf](http://greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/GNR20160609.pdf)).



This photo appeared in the Washington Post on April 28, 1976. The police car behind Muhammad Ali is being driven by Jim Craze.

Bingo Beans

During the Labor Day Festival, beans were used to cover the bingo card numbers. And since many of those beans fell from bingo tables onto the fertile ground of the Community Center Lawn, they germinated. Now there are bingo bean sprouts – in October!



Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

Love Gathering

Join Ric Gordon and Carla Johns for our Celebration of Love Gathering at the New Deal Café from 2 to 6 p.m. this Saturday, October 15. We want to celebrate our happiness with all of Greenbelt, because we love our community.



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Sundays, 10:00 a.m.  
City Council Room  
25 Crescent Road  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

OR—Join us on ZOOM!  
For ZOOM link:  
[FDeBernardo@aol.com](mailto:FDeBernardo@aol.com)

Greenbelt BAPTIST CHURCH

Christ-centered  
Biblical  
& Reformed

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am  
Sunday School 9:15am  
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm

101 Greenhill Rd. Greenbelt, MD  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)



The Bible Says...

The Ten Commandments  
#7-You Shall Not Commit Adultery  
Exodus 20:14



IN PERSON Sunday Worship Services  
10a-11:15a @ Greenbelt Elementary School  
[MCFcc.org](http://MCFcc.org)

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One Hillside Road

We are an  
Open and Affirming  
Church



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Join Us Sunday  
10:15 AM  
for Worship  
and Church School

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[www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org](http://www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org)

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3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)



Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community  
October 16, 2022 10 a.m.  
Going To The Wound

Rev. Ann Kadlecik with Worship Associate Jacqui Walpole

Compassion is a central tenet of so many of the world’s religions, including Unitarian Universalism. It’s right there in our Second Principle, along with justice and equity. But we live in a world where justice and equity can seem ever more distant, and a lack of compassion abounds. What might it mean to live this Principle today?

Streaming to our Facebook page.



301-345-0007  
[info@rccrestorationcenter.org](mailto:info@rccrestorationcenter.org)

1 Corinthians 12:12-13 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.

SUNDAY  
OCTOBER  
16|22  
10 AM  
EASTERN TIME (EST)

DRESS IN ANY TRADITIONAL OUTFITS FROM

Nigeria

Sierra Leone

Eritrea

Ghana

United States

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At the Library

Greenbelt Library regular hours: Mondays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. In the case of inclement weather or other emergency, real-time updates to the library’s schedule are posted at pgcmpls.info/alerts.

Face masks are recommended for all customers and staff over the age of 2 at Prince George’s County Memorial Library System buildings.

Space Program

Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 p.m., ages 13 to 18. Moving Out from Home: Defining Webb Space Telescope Images. Meet with local astronomers and learn all about James Webb Space Telescope’s stunning images. Presented by Harriett E. Hamlin, NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Solar System Ambassador; Joel Miller, astronomer; and Dr. Lee Feinberg, Webb Optical Telescope Element manager, Goddard Space Flight Center. Register at pgcmpls.info/event/7115983.

Ready 2 Read

Wednesdays, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5 (register at pgcmpls.info/event/7101656); Thursdays, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3 (register at pgcmpls.info/event/7101646).

Student Art

The student art exhibit Expressing Your Superpower Through the Arts is now on display through December 16 at the Greenbelt Library. Customers can enjoy works of art created by local students, grades 7 through 11.

The artwork, curated by the Harbor City Maryland Chapter of The Society, Inc., reflects each student’s strong representation of self-power inspired by a powerful role model or through nature. The art pieces were judged by three creative arts subject matter experts using a standard rubric.



City Notes

Public Works delivered tables and chairs to Springhill Lake Recreation Center for the Job Fair and to Roosevelt Center for the Crazy Quilt Music Festival. Building Maintenance installed a water heater in the Community Center and winterized the outdoor pool. Refuse/Recycling collected 25.65 tons of refuse and 10.45 tons of recyclables.

Animal Shelter residents are five cats, nine kittens, three dogs and two bunnies. Two dogs were impounded during evictions, one kitten was adopted and four feral cats were trapped, neutered and released.

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living program (GAIL) and Recreation staff hosted flu/Covid vaccination clinics at Springhill Lake Recreation Center and the Community Center. Therapeutic Recreation facilitated a senior theater outing, with Public Works providing transportation, and delivered weekly senior meal packets. Green Ridge House hosted a presentation explaining Medicare Open Enrollment options and CARES’s Christal Batey and Katherine Farzin attended a four-day conference about adult day services. Park rangers monitored Girl Scout meetings at Schrom Hills Park.



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER 17-21

Monday, October 17, **NO MEETING - REPARATIONS INTERVIEWS**

Wednesday, October 19, **NO MEETING - REPARATIONS INTERVIEWS**

Wednesday, October 19 at 7 pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Approve June 2022 Minutes, Council Liason Update, Recreation Department Update, Administration Report, Adjourn*

*In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov). This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov)*

VOLUNTEER TRAIL MAINTENANCE

OCTOBER 22  
10 AM - 1 PM  
GREENBELT FOREST PRESERVE

Be a part of the community effort to maintain and improve a portion of the trail system in the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to perform general trail maintenance activities.

Register by email at [kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov)



LEARN WAYS TO CONTROL YOUR ANGER  
Mondays: October 17 - November 14, 7 - 8:15 pm, on Zoom  
Adult Group, 18+

Certificates of completion awarded for participants in ALL FIVE sessions. Contact [cares@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cares@greenbeltmd.gov) to enroll.

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER IS SEEKING NEW TEAM MEMBERS!

If you enjoy working with the public, please apply at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/jobs](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/jobs)

Recreation Assistants (Community Center)

Part-time, supportive culture.

FREE WOOD PALLETS  
Call Public Works at (301) 474-8004

FREE COMMUNITY NURSING PROGRAM

The City of Greenbelt’s Assistance in Living Program (GAIL) in partnership with Bowie State & Washington Adventist University Schools of Nursing are proud to resume offering this program to Greenbelt seniors age 60+ or disabled adults 50+ residing within incorporated City limits.

For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/3OBoe19>

SPONSOR THE 2022 GOBBLE WOBBLE 5K FAMILY FUN RUN & WALK

Greenbelt Recreation is seeking local businesses and organizations interested in supporting the Gobble Wobble and its continued success.

Sponsorships range from \$100 - \$500. Depending on sponsor level, sponsorships may include logo placement on advertisements, on shirts, promotional materials, and more!

If your business or organization is interested in sponsoring this year’s Gobble Wobble, please contact Recreation at (301) 397-2200 or [aphelan@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:aphelan@greenbeltmd.gov).

**All sponsorships must be received by Monday, October 31**

COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Board of Elections
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Public Safety Advisory Committee
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (301) 474-8000

UPCOMING RECYCLING AND WASTE EVENTS

**Greenbelt Shredding - October 15, 9 am - 12 pm**  
In the parking lot behind Greenbelt Federal Credit Union. 5 boxes/bags per person. Please wear a mask. Personal Records only. No batteries, plastic binders, sheets, nor contaminants accepted.

**Greenbelt Electronics & Recycling - October 22, 9 am - 12 pm**  
**NO PAINT RECYCLING FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER**

THIS WEEKEND IN GREENBELT

**PRE-K STORY TIME (BILINGUAL)**  
Friday, October 14, 10:30 - 11:30 am  
Springhill Lake Recreation Center

**FALL FEST**  
Saturday, October 15, 2 - 5 pm  
Schrom Hills Park

**ROOSEVELT CENTER ART CRAWL**  
Sunday, October 16, 10 am - 1 pm  
Roosevelt Center

FREE MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Greenbelt CARES currently has DAYTIME hours available, 9 am - 4 pm, for individual counseling for ages 16+ with a waitlist for evening hours starting at 5 pm.

Call (301) 345-6660 or email us at [cares@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cares@greenbeltmd.gov)



CITY OF GREENBELT  
**TEMPORARY SPEED BUMPS COMING SOON**

OCTOBER 14  
THRU  
NOVEMBER 15



In response to resident requests, starting **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14**, the City will install two temporary speed bumps near mid-block crosswalks on Ridge Road between Westway and Southway. This pilot project will last until Nov. 15. Questions? Call (301) 345-5417.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM IN HISTORIC GREENBELT

We offer our program Monday through Friday at the Youth Center. Financial aid is available for eligible Greenbelt residents. Registration for fall is now open.

For more information, please visit our Virtual Recreation Center online at [greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://greenbeltmd.gov/recreation) or give us a call at (301) 397-2200.

FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION ¡GRATIS! DISTRIBUCION DE VERDURAS

Thursday, October 20	jueves, 20 de octubre
1 - 3 pm	1 - 3 pm
<b>Greenbelt Community Center</b> 15 Crescent Road	<b>Greenbelt Community Center</b> 15 Crescent Road

FAMILY FUN AT SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER  
1:30 - 3:30 pm, Sundays from September 18 - December 11

Families are invited to enjoy group games and drop-in gym time every Sunday afternoon this fall. Complimentary recreation equipment is available on site. Facility ID is required for participation. Contact Brian Butler at (240) 542-2213.

Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 9/26/22)

Rent and Utility Assistance  
· 342 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$1,675,062.38

Mortgage and HOA fee Assistance  
· 15 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$51,421.51

GREENBELT NURSERY PROJECT

This **FREE PROGRAM** is available to families living in the city limits of Greenbelt, newborn to 2 years old, children who wear pull-ups.

Call Katherine Farzin at (240) 542-2019 or [kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov)

GREENBELT RECREATION'S 2022 FALL ACTIVITY GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE

Visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/) to view and register.



**A Guide to the 2022 Gubernatorial Elections. Vote November 8**

There are over 630 candidates running in the Tuesday, November 8, Gubernatorial elections. Fortunately, Greenbelt ballots include only those for whom residents can vote. There are four pages (sheets) in the mail-in ballot, labeled 1 through 4: each sheet is printed two-sided.

Page 1 (front side) contains choices for major state-level offices: governor, comptroller, attorney general and state contenders for the federal positions of U.S. senators and representatives. Page 1 (back) does the same for the county. Depending on the office, the voter may choose one or more candidates. The voter can also write in a candidate whose name doesn’t appear on the printed ballot (not shown below). Voters may also choose not to make any selection, or to make fewer (but not more) than the maximum. Political affiliations are given when relevant.

**Page 1 (front): STATE, U.S. OFFICIALS**

**Governor/Lt. Governor (Vote for 1 pair)**

- Dan Cox and Gordana Shifanelli (Republican)
- Wes Moore and Aruna Miller (Democrat)
- David Lashar and Christiana Logansmith (Libertarian)
- Nancy Wallace and Patrick Elder (Green Party)
- David Harding and Cathy White (Working Class Party)

**Comptroller (Vote for 1)**

- Barry Glassman (Republican)
- Brooke Elizabeth Lierman (Democrat)

**Attorney General (Vote for 1)**

- Michael Anthony Peroutka (Republican)
- Anthony G. Brown (Democrat)

**U.S. Senator (Vote for 1)**

- Chris Chaffee (Republican)
- Chris Van Hollen (Democrat)

**Representative in Congress**

- Jeff Warner (Republican)
- Glenn F. Ivey (Democrat)

**State Senator District 22 (Vote for 1)**

- Paul G. Pinsky (Democrat)

**House of Delegates, District 22 (Vote for up to 3)**

- Anne Healey (Democrat)
- Alonzo T. Washington (Democrat)
- Nicole A. Williams (Democrat)

**Page 1 (back): COUNTY OFFICIALS**

**County Executive (Vote for 1)**

- Angela D. Alsobrooks (Democrat)

**County Council at Large (Vote for up to 2)**

- Mel Franklin (Democrat)
- Calvin S. Hawkins, Jr. (Democrat)

**County Council District 4 (Vote for 1)**

- Ingrid S. Harrison (Democrat)

**JUDICIAL ROLES:**

**Judge of the Circuit Court (Vote for 1)**

- Carol Ann Coderre

**Judge, Court of Special Appeals at Large (Vote Yes or No for continuance in office)**

- Stuart R. Berger

**Judge, Court of Special Appeals at Large (Vote Yes or No for continuance in office)**

- Terrence M.R. Zic

**State’s Attorney (Vote for 1)**

- Aisha Braveboy (Democrat)

**Clerk of the Circuit Court (Vote for 1)**

- Mahasin El Amin (Democrat)

**Register of Wills (Vote for 1)**

- Cereta A. Lee (Democrat)

**Judge of the Orphans’ Court (Vote for up to 3)**

- Wendy Alise Cartwright (Democrat)
- Jason A. DeLoach (Democrat)
- Athena Malloy Groves (Democrat)

**Sheriff (Vote for 1)**

- John D.B. Carr (Democrat)

**Pages 3 & 4: QUESTIONS RELATING TO PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY (Vote for or against)**

*(Questions A through E all allow the county to borrow money to build and maintain its facilities. The first Question below is written out in full as in the ballot. But here Questions B-E show only the amount and target for the funds.)*

**Question A. Community College Facilities Bonds**

An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$64,611,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Community College Facilities, including the acquisition and development of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident thereto, and the acquisition and installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment therefor, as defined therein.

**B. County Buildings Bonds**

*Same wording as above* but relating to \$51,939,000 for County Buildings

**C. Library Facilities Bonds**

*Same wording as Question A* but relating to \$9,258,000 for Library Facilities

**D. Public Works and Transportation Facilities Bonds**

*Same wording as Question A* but relating to \$208,686,000 for Public Works and Transportation Facilities

**E. Public Safety Facilities Bonds**

*Same wording as Question A* but relating to \$45,925,000 for Public Safety Facilities

***(The following questions amend the County’s charter).***

**F. Charter Amendment: Compensation of County Executive and County Council Members**

To have the compensation of the County Council members and the County Executive comply with State law.

**G. Charter Amendment: Gender Neutral Language in Charter**

To provide for gender neutral language in several sections throughout the Charter.

**H. Charter Amendment: Support Local and Minority Businesses**

To include County law for the encouragement and support of local and minority businesses consistent with requirements of Federal, State and County law.

**I. Charter Amendment: County Competitive Bidding**

To provide that public notice for bids or proposals shall be advertised on a publicly available website designated by the County Purchasing Agent, and in any other manner determined by the County Code. Such purchases and contracts shall be made from or awarded to the responsive and responsible bid that is most favorable to the County with respect to “best value”, including technical requirements, diversity of suppliers and costs, as defined in the code; to provide for bonding and generally regarding competitive bidding.

**School Board:** Page 2 (front) first asks the voter’s choice of County School Board member for Greenbelt.

**Questions on the Ballot:**

The first set of Questions, starting on the front and continuing to the back of Page 2, relate to the state as a whole and are preceded by NUMBERS 1 through 5.

The second set of Questions, on both sides of Pages 3 and 4, relate to **Prince George’s County** and are preceded by LETTERS A thru J.

- A through E are bond issues to fund county projects.
- F through J are amendments to the county’s charter.

**Page 2 (front): GREENBELT’S SCHOOL BOARD REP.**

**County School Board, District 2 (Vote for 1)**

- Jonathan Briggs
- Jenni Pompi

**Page 2 (Starts front) QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE STATE (Vote for or against)**

**Question 1. Constitutional amendment: Court of Appeals and Special Appeals Renaming**

Changes the names of Maryland’s appellate courts from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court of Maryland and from the Court of Special Appeals to the Appellate Court of Maryland. Under the new law, judges serving on the Court of Appeals will be justices of the Supreme Court of Maryland and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals will be the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland.

**Question 2. Constitutional Amendment: Eligibility to Serve as Senators and Delegates – Place of Abode**

Adds to the eligibility requirements to serve as a senator or a delegate to the Maryland General Assembly by requiring a person to have maintained a primary place of abode in the district that the person has been chosen to represent. Under current law, a person must have resided in the district to which the person has been elected for at least six months immediately preceding the date of the person’s election or, if the district has been established for less than six months prior to the date of election, as long as the district has been established. The new law requires, beginning January 1, 2024, a person must have both resided in and maintained a primary place of abode in the district for the same time periods as under current law.

**Question 3. Constitutional Amendment: Civil Jury Trials**

Authorizing the General Assembly to enact legislation that limits the right to a jury trial in a civil proceeding to those proceedings in which the amount in controversy exceeds \$25,000, excluding attorney’s fees if attorney’s fees are recoverable in the proceeding. Under current law, the amount in controversy must exceed \$15,000 before a party to a proceeding may demand a jury trial. In cases where the amount in controversy does not exceed this threshold amount, a judge, rather than a jury, determines the verdict.

**Question 4. Constitutional Amendment: Cannabis – Legalization of Adult Use and Possession**

Do you favor the legalization of the use of cannabis by an individual who is at least 21 years of age on or after July 1, 2023, in the State of Maryland?

**Question 5. Constitutional Amendment: Circuit Court for Howard County – Judges Sitting as Orphans’ Court.**

Repeals county elections of Howard County orphans’ court judges and requires the Howard County Circuit Court judges to sit as the orphans’ court for Howard County. The current law provides for the voters of Howard County to elect three orphans’ court judges. Under the amended law, a party could no longer appeal a final judgment of the Howard County Orphans Court to the Howard County Circuit Court and would instead take an appeal directly to the Court of Special Appeals.

**J. Charter Amendment: County Council Member Residency Requirement (*accounts for redistricting*)**

To provide that an at-large Council member shall have been a qualified voter of Prince George’s County for at least one year immediately preceding their general election. Council members representing one of the nine Council districts shall have been a qualified voter of their respective Council district for at least one year immediately preceding their general election. In an election year immediately following an approved decennial redistricting plan changing the boundaries of any Council district, the one-year residency requirement shall not apply if a person is deemed a qualified voter but no longer resides in their former Council district because of a boundary change. Such person shall have resided in their former Council district for at least one-year immediately preceding their general election and shall reside in the same Council district as changed in the approved decennial redistricting plan by the deadline for filing a certificate of candidacy.

*This document was prepared from the mail-in ballots received in Greenbelt. It is not an official document.*



# Candidates for School Board, District 2

## Interview with Jonathan Briggs

by Anna Bedford-Dillow



Jonathan Briggs

Q: Can you tell us a little about yourself?

As a former teacher, I spent 10 years becoming a solid champion for education equity. That includes working at the federal level for Congress and the U.S. Department of Education, and the Deputy Mayor of Education on their Safe Passage Program. I hold a master's degree in education from the Johns Hopkins School of Education and a graduate certificate in urban education and leadership from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. I want to use my professional and educational background to bring evidence-based and research-based approaches to Prince George's County Public Schools to improve outcomes for all students.

Q: Why are you running to represent District 2 on the Board

### CHEARS Food for Life Cancer Awareness

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Come to these Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS)-sponsored Food for Life classes and learn steps to take right now to reduce your cancer risk and improve survival. The first four classes in the series include information about how certain foods and nutrients can promote or discourage growth of cancers, including breast cancer. The final class focuses specifically on foods relevant to breast cancer risk reduction and survival. The intended audience of this class series includes breast cancer survivors, their family and friends, as well as anyone who wants to learn to cook some healthy, delicious, plant-based recipes. These classes are not intended for individuals currently going through active cancer treatment.

Upcoming classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Schrom Hills Park Community Room (October 18 and 20) and Springhill Lake Recreation Center (October 25 and 27). To register for any or all of them go to [chears.org/publications/fulltext/NutritionClasses.pdf](https://chears.org/publications/fulltext/NutritionClasses.pdf). For more information contact Geraldine Adams at [ghadamsrn@gmail.com](mailto:ghadamsrn@gmail.com).



of Education?

I am running because I believe our schools are navigating a lot after the pandemic, and we need the correct folks to help get our schools back on track. As a former educator and as an education policy professional, I have done this work. While working as a teacher, I closed significant gaps in academic achievement in schools with students significantly below grade level. I also understand how important it is to get this right from a research stance. I want to bring this expertise to the table to support a more robust school system.

Q: What do you see as the greatest challenges facing District 2 schools and/or the school board and what will be your top priorities?

The greatest challenge facing our schools in District 2 is the teacher shortage. I have heard from many parents and a few educators that schools are understaffed and that classroom ratios are disproportionate. My top priorities are:

- addressing student mental health
- school infrastructure improvements
- strengthening family and community engagement
- state and federal funding opportunities.

These priorities include investments in human capital needs, such as high-quality professional learning, instructional materials, connectivity access and a strong, supported, diverse education workforce.

Q: What strengths do you think you will bring to the Board of Education?

I believe I bring a deep understanding of the education field as a practitioner, researcher and policy professional. As a former educator, I understand what parents need from their schools to see their children succeed. As an educator, I know teachers' and school leaders' challenges when their needs aren't met at the highest level. I understand how frustrating it is for students to want opportunities, but their schools lack the resources. I also understand the implications this has at a broader scale from a policy standpoint. Those are the strengths I would bring to the board.

## Interview with Jenni Pompi

by Anna Bedford-Dillow



Jenni Pompi and her sons, both PGCPs students

Q: Can you tell us a little about yourself?

I'm the proud parent of two Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) students who attend College Park Academy and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. I've lived in Prince George's County for more than 25 years and in Greenbelt for 4.5 years. I was the PTO president of Riverdale Elementary (a District 2 school) for several years, where I advocated for operational HVAC systems and clean drinking water in that school. I have degrees in journalism and women's studies from the University of Maryland and currently work as a senior editor in the periodicals department of a nonprofit organization.

Q: Why are you running to represent District 2 on the Board of Education?

I'm running for school board because we deserve a representative who is willing to put our kids over politics and who truly knows what the issues are in PGCPS. As the parent of two PGCPS students, I am deeply invested in the success of our schools. I want to ensure we fulfill the promise of our state's guiding educational policy, the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, and am committed to ensuring parents feel heard, teachers feel valued and children can learn in safe, healthy, inclusive environments.

Q: What do you see as the greatest challenges facing District 2 schools and/or the school board and what will be your top priorities?

I think the biggest challenges facing our district are the learning loss gaps and mental health issues from the pandemic, recruiting and retaining educators, and school construction. To close the learning gap, I will support policies that give educators the tools to target the specific needs

of struggling students, tracking and analyzing progress and setting reasonable goals so teachers can focus on strategies that work, engaging parents and giving them tools to help their children at home and supporting teachers through professional development so they can learn new skills to better help our scholars.

Q: What strengths do you think you will bring to the Board of Education?

My biggest strength is my decade of experience with PGCPS. I know the issues our schools are facing because I've lived through them. As a longtime Prince George's County resident, I will also bring my deep knowledge of our District 2 communities, Maryland educational policy (the Blueprint), our Blueprint Community Schools and my ability to build and maintain relationships and community. I understand that the success of Prince George's County depends on the success of our schools. This board seat is not a resume-builder for me – this is my passion and my dedication to serve my community.



Ballots by mail  
started arriving  
in Greenbelt last week

A graphic of a ballot box with a ballot being inserted. The word 'VOTE' is written on the box.

## American Legion Hosts Health Screenings

Residents living in and around Greenbelt can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic conditions with screenings by Life Line Screening. American Legion Post 136 will host this event on Wednesday, November 2.

Screenings can check for the level of plaque buildup in the arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health; HDL and LDL cholesterol levels; diabetes risk; kidney and thyroid function and more.

There is a charge for screenings; consultants will work with those interested to create a package based on age and risk factors. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit [lifelinescreening.com](https://lifelinescreening.com).

## Bike Behavioral Study

The Prince George's County Planning Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) will host a virtual meeting for the Pedestrian and Bicyclist Behavioral Study on Wednesday, October 19 at 6 p.m. During the listening session, planners will highlight how the presence, design and location of county transportation facilities affect pedestrian and bicyclist behaviors. Residents will be able to share their thoughts on walking and biking in Prince George's County.

Meeting participants will learn the overall purpose of the study, timeline of the project and how the design of facilities can accommodate future active transportation users. With a focus on equity, infrastructure and safety, the findings of the Pedestrian and Bicyclist Behavioral Study will help inform the Planning Department in their recommendations of area master plans, evaluating submitted development applications and ensuring conformance with the adopted subdivision and zoning regulations.

For more information on the study visit [mncppc.org/5309/Pedestrian-Bicyclist-Behavioral-Study](https://mncppc.org/5309/Pedestrian-Bicyclist-Behavioral-Study). To register for the Listening Session visit [pbbs.eventbrite.com](https://pbbs.eventbrite.com).

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\*apr = annual percentage rate. Rate subject to change without notice. Rate based on credit.



## “Mr. Lilo” Sings at the Library

by Rebecca Redeker



PHOTO BY REBECCA REDEKER

Mr. Lilo performs for a bilingual story time at Greenbelt Library during Hispanic Heritage Month.

Lilo Gonzalez performed at the Greenbelt Library on Tuesday, September 20, before families and young children. This is one of five locations where he plans to perform this fall. Gonzalez goes by “Mr. Lilo” to his audience and album listeners. He has been performing for roughly 30 years and has two albums, which were published in 2016 and 2020. Gonzalez’s performance was part of the Greenbelt Library’s Hispanic Heritage Month programming. He was excited to return to the

Library for his second bilingual story time there, recalling the fun and dancing from his first visit. Once again children danced as Gonzalez played his guitar and introduced new words in Spanish, using visual aids. At the end of the performance, he gave a copy of one of his albums to each family present. One can listen to his music and purchase albums at [mrlilo.com](http://mrlilo.com). *Rebecca Redeker is a University of Maryland journalism student writing for the Greenbelt News Review.*



## Council Considers Space Study Options for City Staff Offices

by Matthew Arbach

On October 3, the Greenbelt City Council convened its first worksession with Frederik Ward Consultant Barry Miller on his organization’s recently presented study focused on improving the use of the available space for the city’s many departments. The two areas that were mainly discussed were the ground floor east of the Community Center and the Municipal Building. The three groups with the greatest need for more space were CARES/Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program, and the Administrative and IT Departments. Miller stressed that the study is most concerned with immediate needs and not space required for future growth. While the study makes many proposals for the transitioning of the ground floor of the Community Center into offices for CARES/GAIL, it was pointed out by council and members of the public that the area is already a crucial site for a myriad of recreation programs, like camps and the winter musical. Regarding CARES/GAIL, many suggested rental of commercial or other outside space, thus negating the need for any renovation of the ground floor space and allowing recreation to continue using the area. Resident Judy Goldberg-Strasler recommended the use of

outside temporary modules, providing an immediate and simple fix. With CARES/GAIL no longer in the Municipal Building, the Administrative and IT Departments would then have more space. CARES Director Dr. Liz Park said that having their entire program at a single site, with ample privacy accommodations for counseling, was a primary goal. The city has brought on new coordinators for grants, equity/diversity/inclusion and economic development, requiring more office space at the Municipal Building. Currently, the IT Department is in the basement. Interim City Manager Timothy George estimated that an addition to the Municipal Building would cost \$2M while an entirely new structure would cost \$4-5M. Regarding the latter, George said that a below-market loan from the state could be obtained for such a project. The Armory was posited several times as an ideal site for more space, but it has yet to be obtained by the city, thus precluding a feasibility study; any detailed proposals for its usage would have to wait. Further debates on the study are pending, as many options need more consideration. Council-member Judith Davis stated that a solution must be found that will avoid “a lot of animosity and dis-

trepreneur.” Park and Recreation Advisory Board Chair Jake Chestnutt emphasized that the sharing of space should be sought, that can “enhance many” and “not be a detriment to others.”

### Arts Crawl Sunday

A Roosevelt Center Arts Crawl will be held on Sunday, October 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine, sponsored by the City of Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board. Discover Greenbelt arts at this free celebration featuring open houses at the Old Greenbelt Theatre, New Deal Café and Greenbelt Arts Center. Visit each location for interesting activities and enjoy entertainment in Roosevelt Center as you walk to each open house. Enter a raffle to win wonderful prizes. Local arts organizations are invited to participate by setting up tables in Roosevelt Center. To register for a table, contact the Arts Advisory Board at [aab@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:aab@greenbeltmd.gov). For more information, visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts).



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# Park Rangers Care for Our Parks And Help People to Enjoy Them

by Erica Johns

Have you wondered what a City of Greenbelt park ranger does? When I talked with Ranger Patrick Mullen for this story, he said, “I’m actually really excited for this article, because I think when you tell someone you’re a park ranger everyone has a different image of what that job is. [They think] it’s like Yogi Bear or... it’s police out in the woods, or Public Works doing litter, but ... we’re sort of a little bit of all of that.”

The city’s five park rangers are all part-time city employees who help patrons use, enjoy and preserve Greenbelt’s outdoor spaces and natural resources, every day and in all seasons, at 30 neighborhood parks, at athletic fields and more, across Greenbelt’s six square miles. Mullen said, “[Our] biggest responsibility is...being the eyes and ears of the city...[for] what’s happening in our parks [and] what needs [to be] addressed, and to be ambassadors to the community, to [help them learn] about things that are going on and that interest them.” During this reporter’s time with the rangers, they assisted a local athletic group’s 5K run/walk, identified turtle species for a Greenbelt Lake walker, harvested a bumper crop of tennis balls from the Lake path, addressed a hornet nest near a Schrom Hills family cookout and talked with a visitor about Greenbelt Lake and Buddy Attick Park history.

Rangers can be recognized by their forest green clothing, with the Greenbelt Recreation logo on the front and “PARK RANGER” in gold on the back. They are certified in CPR, first aid and automated emergency defibrillation. According to Park and Recreation Department Assistant Director Andrew Phelan, rangers patrol daily in Schrom Hills and Buddy Attick Parks, Northway, neighborhood playgrounds and parks and the Hanover Parkway Dog Park. While patrolling those sites, athletic fields and the Forest Preserve, Phelan said they assist with minor upkeep, such as litter pickup, making rental spaces ready for scheduled rentals, locking/unlocking restrooms and reporting items for Public Works attention, such as fallen trees during this summer’s storms. Mullen described maintaining Greenbelt parks’ quality as “a coordinated effort between rangers, Greenbelt Police, Public Works and the entire city working together.”

Mullen described the job as “walking a beat. You...get used to seeing many of the same faces, and learn your parks and the things that happen there. You can tell when things are amiss.” Consider the following spectrum of activities that Mullen shared about caring for Greenbelt’s outdoor spaces and the people that use them. When walking with Mullen around Greenbelt Lake, he picked up litter, including 15-20 tennis balls at one spot. “Tennis balls fly over the fence at Braden Field, and folks pick



Park Ranger Patrick Mullen at Schrom Hills Park

- Photos by Erica Johns



Park Ranger Jesse Oliver at Buddy Attick Park



Oliver displays his 'Park Ranger' hoodie.

them up to throw to their dog, but anything that ends up in the park that isn’t taken care of, will end up in the Lake,” says Mullen “Oh! There’s a bullfrog; that’s a good sign; they’re an indicator species, very sensitive to changes in their environment, whether it be climate, like dramatic changes in weather patterns or temperature, or if [chemicals] enter the lake; frogs are often the first that will be impacted.” Later a walker pointed out, “There’s a baby turtle on the dam there.” Mullen responded, “That looks like a...yellow-eared slider. We have

yellow-eared sliders, red-eared sliders and...eastern snapping turtles. Northway [Field] is...Greenbelt’s unofficial dog park, so we try to make sure our softball and soccer teams [there] don’t catch an unfortunate surprise.... Currently in the Forest Preserve, there’s a study about the impact of the deer population on the ecosystem. There’s a small area with deer fencing, [to compare] to the rest of the area. We make sure no one has pulled down the fencing.”

Rangers help us all use the areas legally and with respect for others, striving to avoid confrontation and focus on solutions. Informing users about noise and alcohol rules helps avoid police involvement. “The last thing we want is for a problem to...boil over,” said Mullen. “[Athletic fields] are a hot commodity, so we do our best so everyone can try to get access to fields.” When encountering patrons using picnic or athletic sites without permits (required for 15 or more persons) when a permitted rental is scheduled, rangers help identify sites they can move to and advise how to reserve facilities in the future. As much as possible, the rangers encourage patrons to “adhere to the spirit of the rules,” Mullen said. When asked how they do that, he said, “A lot of what we do we see as preventing an emergency, and a big component of that is education. ... [Once most people] know the rule and the reason for it, they’re happy to follow it.”

Phelan said rangers are expanding support to city events, especially since “the pandemic [increased those] seeking outdoor activity.” Mullen described the 2020-2021 Moonlit Movies on Braden Field as the biggest such effort, when rangers led the city and Old Greenbelt Theatre partnership for outdoor family movies with socially distanced family seating circles, something the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association recognized with an award for innovative programming during the pandemic.

Mullen shared: “There’s something very democratic about...these beautiful natural shared spaces, where anyone, no matter who they are, where they were born, how much they make, we can all enjoy the same sunset, we can all enjoy the lake.... We do our very best to make sure that anywhere you go in our parks, you’re getting the same experience; it’s the same cleanliness, the same grooming, everything. We all do it because we very much believe in the positive impact of public green spaces and the benefits they provide. Can you imagine July 4th without the Lake, the pandemic lockdowns without our green spaces? We want everyone to be able to enjoy the parks, use them safely and leave no trace. So that for this and future generations, we all have this resource to use, share and enjoy.”

# Bicycle Committee to Discuss Greenbelt Road Improvements

by John Campanile

On Saturday, October 29, from 1 to 3 p.m., the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Bicycle Committee will hold a discussion and social on the planned bicycle and pedestrian improvements to Greenbelt Road. The event will be held outdoors on GHI grounds at 1 Hamilton Place, adjacent to the recently installed bicycle repair station.

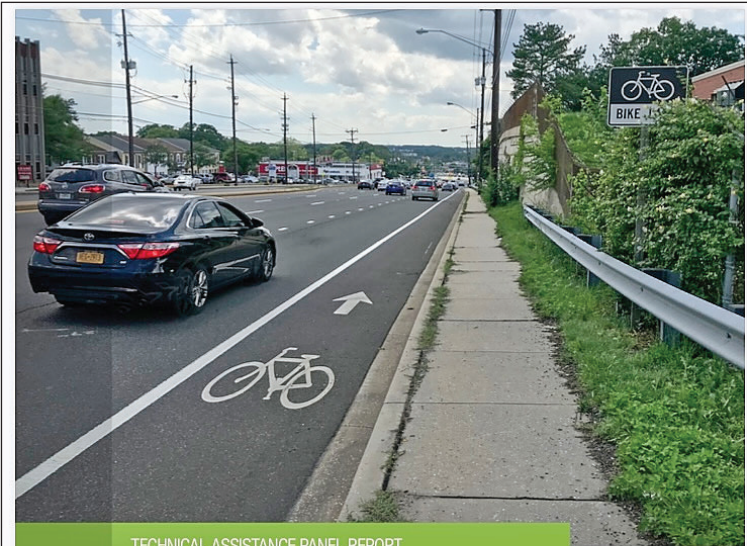
Greenbelt Road, in its current state and design, endangers and diminishes quality of life for bicyclists and pedestrians in the Greenbelt community and the county. This long-overdue and anticipated project will enhance usability for everyone.

The GHI Bicycle Committee has invited representatives from

the Washington Area Bicyclists Association and the East Coast Greenway Alliance to present the state’s proposal and timetable for the improvement project; there will also be a general question-and-answer session. Light refreshments will be served. It is strongly suggested that attendees wear masks to this event.

To learn more about the Greenbelt Road project, visit the City of Greenbelt website at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov) and search for Greenbelt Road Corridor Plan or type in this link: [greenbeltmd.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/19523](http://greenbeltmd.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/19523).

For more information, email Committee Chair John Campanile at [jbelltower@yahoo.com](mailto:jbelltower@yahoo.com).



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Planned bicycle and pedestrian improvements to Greenbelt Road

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Through food recovery programs, unused food is donated by grocery stores, restaurants, dining facilities, caterers, hotels, schools, farmers markets and other organizations or businesses that find themselves with excess food. The recovered food is edible, but may not be sellable. An example is fresh produce that does not meet retailer standards for appearance, but is perfectly good to eat – sometimes called “ugly food.” Leftover food from restaurants or dining facilities is another potential source. Day-old bread is also a common donation.

Community volunteers pick up the food donations from local businesses and deliver them to food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other social service programs, which then distribute the food to community members in need.

Food recovery programs serve the dual function of reducing food waste and distributing good food to low-income residents with limited resources. The programs also benefit the environment by reducing food waste in landfills, resulting in an associated decrease in production of methane, a powerful greenhouse gas.

Local Efforts

In Greenbelt, food is recovered at the Farmers Market on Sundays through the efforts of volunteers working with Prince George’s County Food Rescue and powered by software from Food Rescue US, a national nonprofit food recovery organization operating in more than 35 locations across the United States.

The Farmers Market food rescue is coordinated by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. resident Joe Robbins with the help of other volunteers from Prince George’s Food Rescue. Robbins and his co-volunteers make the rounds of vendors as the market closes down, focusing on farmers with extra vegetables, micro-greens and fruits. “Sometimes we’ll ask a local bakery if they have any extra bread products to donate,” adds Robbins.

There are usually two volunteers with two cars to collect food, as the donations have been very generous, according to Robbins. After collecting the food, the volunteers head to South Laurel to drop off the donations at the food bank run by the Royalhouse Chapel Church.

“My thinking is that it is worth saving the food in order to provide extra nutrition to those most in need, especially in food deserts, or in areas where food prices are very high and out of



Food recovery volunteers, from left, are Shirvon Smith, Joe Robbins and David Nelsen.

reach for those most vulnerable,” Robbins said. “Recovery is one of my core values and one of my three R’s,” he added. “If I can make a difference, then that is what I’ll put energy into.”

Prince George’s Food Rescue runs its program through a digital platform that matches food donors, delivery volunteers and emergency food programs. The platform is provided by Food Rescue US, and the platform app can be downloaded to any smart phone to easily coordinate food pickup and delivery.

Recruiting Donors

The program is actively recruiting food donors to gain increased capacity for food distribution to Prince George’s County residents in need of healthy food and to correspondingly reduce food waste going to the landfill. The advantages to businesses of being a food donor include:

- saving money through tax deductible food donations and reduced trash removal fees;
- advancing business sustainability goals by decreasing the amount of food waste that goes into the county landfill;
- providing food to community residents in need.

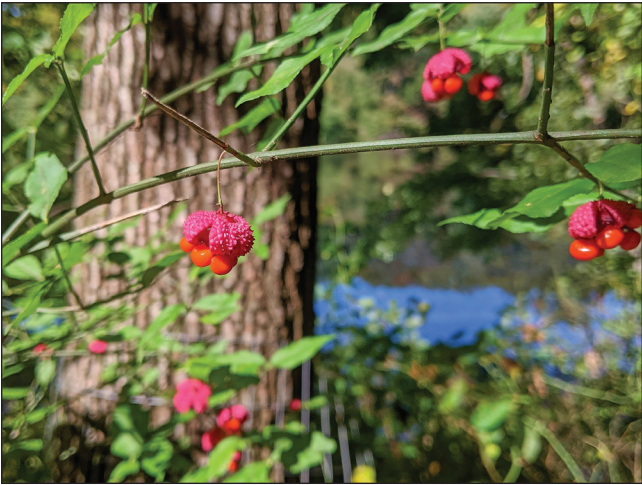
Greenbelt residents can recommend restaurants that may have excess food. When eating out, simply ask the server or the manager if the restaurant regularly has leftover food that gets thrown out and if they might be interested in an alternative to putting it in the trash. If so, notify Tom Taylor, the Greenbelt contact for the program, at [tomtaylor0401@gmail.com](mailto:tomtaylor0401@gmail.com), and a follow-up inquiry will be made.

Donating businesses and organizations are protected from liability by the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Act, a federal law that protects good faith donations to nonprofit agencies. Both occasional donations as well as regularly-scheduled ones are welcome.

For more information about becoming a food donor or delivery volunteer, contact the Prince George’s Food Rescue Site Director at [julia@pgcfec.org](mailto:julia@pgcfec.org). Program staff are available to answer questions and provide support and assistance for coordinating donations and delivery throughout the county. You also may contact Taylor at the email address given above.



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**Unique Co-op Aspects**

A unique feature of all co-operatives is that all or part of the profits of the business are distributed to the member-owners and, unlike dividends to owner/shareholders, the distribution is done before the organization's income taxes are computed for the year. Shareholder dividends in a corporation (though not an LLC or partnership) are generally taxed twice: once at the corporate level and again at the shareholder level. Cooperatives, however, are taxed only once, after the dividends have been distributed. Although designated as not for profit, if a co-op keeps its profits instead of paying them out to members, it is taxed on the profit and does not receive the exemption that would be afforded a registered charity, a 501(c)(3).

**Flexibility of Structure**

Just to show how flexible a business arrangement this is, it may surprise readers to learn that Ace Hardware is, in fact, a cooperative. Unlike our grocery co-op where the members are the customers in the store, Ace Hardware is a cooperative whose members comprise the franchise owners who use their collective buying power to purchase goods and services, giving each store competitive wholesale rates it couldn't get alone. Each Ace Hardware franchisee is a co-op member. And for only \$5,000 to join and an average of \$1M in startup costs, there's an opportunity for everyone.

**The History of Co-ops**

In 1840s Rochdale, England, amidst the rapidly growing manufacturing sprawl of industrial Manchester, the industrial revolution was creating a huge influx of workers into cities from the countryside. These families were at the mercy of unscrupulous retailers and company stores. Working conditions and poverty were appalling and malnutrition prevalent. Rickets and other malnutrition-related illnesses contributed to high rates of infant and child mortality.

Social activists of the time had made previous unsuccessful attempts to organize for cooperative purchasing, but in December 1844, the Rochdale Equitable Pioneers Society opened a grocery store that was the first enduringly successful attempt. With minimal capital of 10 pounds each paid in by individuals over a period of months, the first store was a success – and by the turn of the 20th century there were nearly 1,500 such stores across England. Raising 10 pounds at one pound apiece wasn't easy for people in poverty and was contributed over several months in installments.

**Beyond Groceries**

The principles they developed for the cooperative movement were far more comprehensive (see box) than mere groceries, although this critical practical need got first priority. Such a radical viewpoint was partly why, over 100 years later, the House Un-American Activities Committee snagged Greenbelt's cooperative leaders in its net.

What has most strongly come down through time to the present day, however, is the idea of an enterprise governed by the people who benefit from it and, in particular, to the idea of dividends – which is how those who own and participate in the organization are rewarded.

**Cooperatives Internationally**

In today's England, the local co-op grocery store is ubiquitous in smaller towns or suburban locations. They, like Greenbelt's store, occupy a middle tier between the large chains and the convenience store. There are over 3,900 such grocery stores in the United Kingdom, all but 800 or so in England. Collectively, they are the fifth largest food retailer. The Co-op funeral service is also, surprisingly perhaps, the largest source of funeral services. Co-ops are also expanding into legal services and offer insurance policies.



Grosmont, North Yorkshire, is the site of the oldest ongoing cooperative grocery store in Britain.

- Photos courtesy Wikipedia



The Rochdale Co-op Museum on Toad Lane



**Cooperative Movement Principles**

The objects of the Rochdale Society were stated in “Law the First” of their rules and were:

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- The establishment of a store for the sale of provisions, clothing, etc.
- The building, purchasing or erecting of a number of houses, in which those members desiring to assist each other in improving their domestic and social condition may reside.
- To commence the manufacture of such articles as the Society may determine upon, for the employment of such members as may be without employment or who may be suffering in consequence of repeated reductions in their wages.
- As a further benefit and security to the members of this Society, the Society shall purchase or rent an estate or estates of land, which shall be cultivated by the members who may be out of employment or whose labour may be badly remunerated.
- That as soon as practicable the Society shall proceed to arrange the powers of production, distribution, education and government, or in other words, to establish a self-supporting home colony of united interests, or assist other societies in establishing such colonies.
- That for the promotion of sobriety, a temperance hotel be opened in one of the Society's houses as soon as convenient.

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this includes meeting executive orders to advance racial equity which favors Prince George's County. The cost of preparing the site for construction will receive 10 points, which also favors Prince George's County as both sites in this county are development ready. The site in Greenbelt is near wetlands and will require special consideration for the building design. The Landover site is one mile from a Metrorail station and may require a shuttle, while the Greenbelt site is within walking distance to Metrorail and a MARC station.

According to Mayor Emmett Jordan, Greenbelt will not receive a tax benefit; however, selected vendors and contractors may create jobs at all levels that community residents can access. He also stated that the Greenbelt City Council sent a letter of support for this project, but has no other say since the land in Greenbelt is owned by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. He mentioned that a decision was expected within the next few weeks. His primary concern is that the Prince George's sites are not near Quantico or other FBI sites.

David Iannucci, president and CEO of the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation, stated that 20 percent of the federal workforce lives in Prince George's County, but only 4 percent of the federal offices are located here.

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an important federal agency to Prince George's County. It will be determined shortly.

**Donation Drive  
October 22, 23**

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ's next clothing and small hard-goods drive will occur on Saturday, October 22 from 8 a.m. to noon and Sunday, October 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The church is located at 1 Hillside Road.

Prepare the used goods for donation by placing soft items in plastic bags and hard items in boxes that one person could carry. Oversized items cannot be accepted. The donations will be taken to Value Village, which pays the church. The church uses the money to help fund local charities.

**Luminis Health Hosts  
Pink Ribbon Rally**

Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center will host a Pink Ribbon Rally on Friday, October 14 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This free event will feature mammograms, clinical breast exams, bra fittings, health and wellness sessions along with music and games and more.

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# City of College Park Holds Family Event on Saturday

by Ryna Luckert Quiñones

The City of College Park will be once again hosting its signature event, College Park Day, on Saturday, October 15 from noon to 6 p.m. at the College Park Aviation Museum and Airport. The event features live music, food and drink vendors, a family/kids zone with dedicated stage, attractions, games, free College Park Aviation Museum entry, community exhibitors and helicopter fly-in.

Live entertainment on the main stage features performances by the Wild Anacostias, East River Band, Groovalicious and MONSOON & S.T.O.R.M Reggae Band. This year will feature an even larger kids and family area with a dedicated family stage with performances by Barry Louis Polisar, The Great Zucchini, Terrapin Brass Quintet, Zig Zag Magic Show and a paper airplane contest. There will also be live performances by Gymkana, stilt walkers, jugglers and more. Be sure to check out fun activities, crafts, games (for kids and adults) and giveaways from community groups as well.

College Park Day will feature more food and drink vendors than before. Food vendors this year include: Taim Mediterranean Kitchen, Tatak Pinoy Fil-Asian Cuisine and Street Food, Big D's Wings, Kodi's Grill, Mr. Magic, Taqueria Habanero, Bills Backyard BBQ, Amity Kitchen, Cocineros, Tatak Al Pinoy, Cakelady Deserts and Turtle's Tasty Treats. For adults 21 and over, there will be beer from Denizens and Franklin's Breweries.

This is a family-friendly event, but keep pets at home. The event will take place at the College Park Aviation Museum located at 1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive. Free parking is available at the corner lot by Corporal Frank Scott Drive and Campus Drive, at the College Park-UMD metro station garage and at Linson Pool/Wells Ice Rink. Bike racks will be available for those arriving via local trails. Find more information at collegeparkday.org.

*Ryna Luckert Quiñones is the communications and events manager for the City of College Park.*



University of Maryland Gymkana does its balancing act.  
- Photos courtesy City of College Park



The ever-exciting helicopter fly-in at College Park Day



Pumpkin painting absorbs kids at College Park Day.

# Deji Ayoku Brings Energy And Enthusiasm to CARES

by Lesley Kash

Open the Springhill Lake Recreation Center clubhouse door on a sweltering summer afternoon and there's Deji Ayoku, passing out donated popsicles to a bunch of wilted, cranky children sprawled out in front of a movie. Or maybe it's a GED prep session and Ayoku's also coaching a job applicant between explaining test questions about algebra or biology. Or maybe he's in a (still-Zooming) ESOL class, taking the pressure off his volunteers. Or maybe he's not there at all because he's out buttonholing local businesses to a table at a job fair or at the University of Maryland recruiting student volunteers or hitting the pavement doing outreach by meeting the neighbors and asking what's needed or how he might help with whatever problem.

Ayoku is the new vocational, education and workforce development coordinator at CARES. He was told he was a people person, he says, before he knew where that might lead in life. He tries to relate to and understand people first. With young kids, he's a big brother, asking himself what his own siblings would want and need. With teens, students, clients or neighbors dealing with challenges, he pays attention because, as he says, every person has their own story, their own reasons.

Ayoku was raised in Greenbelt, attending Springhill Lake (SHL) Elementary, Greenbelt Middle, Eleanor Roosevelt High School, then the University of Maryland. Family roots in Nigeria offered opportunities for long, immersive family visits and wider travel, resulting in a multilingual, multicultural, resourceful and respectful maturity well beyond his years.

Greenbelt's Education Program, with which Ayoku works, offers after-school programming, GED preparation, English for Speakers of Other Languages and life skills classes including finance and resumé preparation. Judy Herring, who developed the Education Program during her 35-year career with CARES, recently retired for health reasons but continues to consult.

"I chose Deji as my protégé," said Herring. "It was perfect timing to pass the torch."

Ayoku upgraded that torch into a searchlight and scans his territory for opportunities to connect people and facilitate win-win relationships. Predictably, local employers and aspiring employees show up in large numbers at the job fairs Ayoku promotes, maybe because his enthusiasm is just so contagious.

Ayoku met Herring in 2019, while he was interning for CARES and working at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. He credits her with giving him a blueprint for success and guidance about how to make a future life out of his basic drive to "show up and make a difference." She continues to encourage him to mind his long game, his advanced education and his long-term goals. He wants to make the Education Program bigger and better known. She knows about the long, hard work and the passion needed to sustain such an exceptional, ambitious program.



PHOTO BY LESLEY KASH

Social worker Deji Ayoku, left, poses with Judy Herring.

Hiking and active sports are his main pressure valves, but here too Ayoku has come up helping others, especially kids. He worked as a Greenbelt camp counselor and was (and still is, when there's time) a relentless drummer-up of neighborhood soccer and basketball games or, as he says, "really just about any sport."

What does he love about his job? "It's the satisfaction of knowing I can help other people," Ayoku explains, "with different aspects of their lives and

what they can do to move up to the next step."

After 26 years in Greenbelt, Ayoku says everyone should experience it, there's nowhere else like it. He praises every one of the schools he attended and says Greenbelt is just the best place to live.

Then he's looking at the time; his focus is already down the block. "The job fair is coming up," he said, gathering up his things. "I'm off to talk to the businesses!"



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Great Egret at Greenbelt Lake

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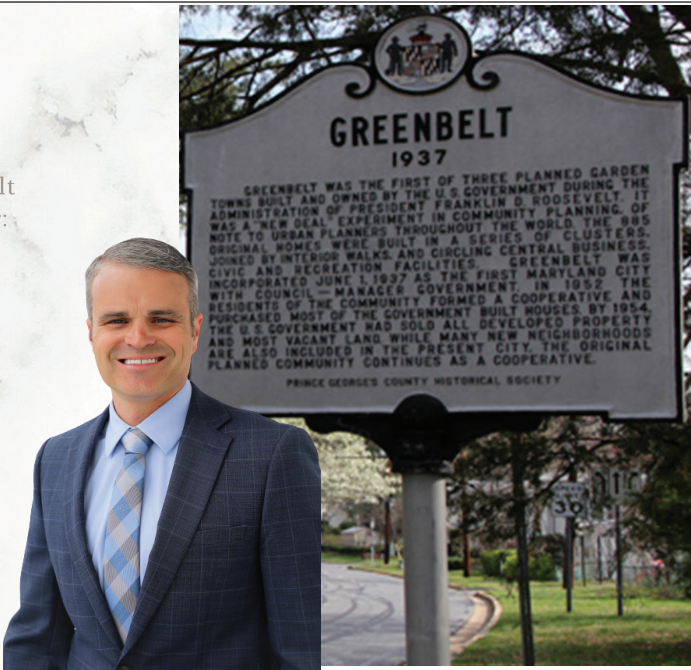


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# Sports

## Volleyball Rivals Will Face Off Monday, Oct. 17 at ERHS

by Scott Fifield

Eleanor Roosevelt vs. Bowie! Each of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School sports has a rivalry with Bowie, often because the schools have the two best teams in the 4A County league in their sport. That has certainly been the case in volleyball where the winner of the regular season match between the schools has won the regular season championship for close to a decade. During the last four seasons, that winner has been Roosevelt. The best of Prince George’s County Public Schools volleyball can be seen on Monday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt gym.

So far, Roosevelt is 6-3 with wins last week over Suitland and High Point. But the Raiders are still searching for that signature win over a tough opponent. Their league schedule has all of the tough teams (Laurel, Bowie, Flowers and Wise) at the end of the season.

Sophomore middle hitter Daja Warren currently leads the Raiders in kills and blocks and is second on the team in aces. She

has been a terrific addition to the returning players from last season. The team’s two sophomore outside hitters – Kaniece Wright (leads in aces) and Alexis Badu (second in kills) – are the other key contributors to the Raider offense. In last week’s tougher-than-expected win over High Point, junior libero Aaliyna Patel had two long clusters of serves in the tight first set (including serving the last five points after the Raiders were clinging to a 20-19 lead), Wright served nine straight points to close out the second set, and Roosevelt received a welcome boost in the third set from senior right-side hitter Cynthia Hopes who served for her own cluster of 10 points and contributed three kills.

The team’s annual Dig Pink match will be on Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m. The team invites the community to stop by and purchase some concessions, as the team will donate the profits from those sales toward Breast Cancer research.



Aaliyna Patel serves during the Parkdale game.

## All Four ERHS Soccer Teams Are Victorious Over Parkdale

by Patrick Gleason



PHOTO BY PATRICK GLEASON

**Junior Angel Ngwane celebrates one of sophomore Sadie Swart's three goals en route to the Raiders' 7-1 victory.**

Another breathtaking Roosevelt sunset accompanied another Roosevelt girls soccer victory on Thursday, October 6. Behind a hat trick from sophomore midfielder Sadie Swart, Roosevelt coasted to a 7-1 victory over Parkdale as a canopy of clouds stretched across a sky transitioning from pristine blue to a soothing pink. Regular offensive threats Gabriella Martinez and Sarai DeSouza both added goals with Martinez – after winning the ball from a Parkdale defender in the box – also assisting DeSouza.

Then, sophomore forward Alena Beckmann asserted her presence in the second half, using her unmatched speed to exasperate the Panther backline, culminating in the final goal. Beckmann made two sharp cuts to evade Parkdale’s Jaquelin Villeda and Ellen Morrell before a final defender slowed her progress. However, senior Alexis Casey regained possession and passed to Beckmann who found space between the crossbar and the keeper’s

outstretched arms. Villeda ended the night’s scoring, tallying Parkdale’s only goal with a redirected shot from distance. But after nearly a week of rain, one goal could not dampen the resounding victory on an evening of early fall perfection.

**More Wins**

To add to the day’s perfection, the JV girls, varsity boys and JV boys all notched their own victories over Parkdale. Sophomore Emelin Talavera led the JV girls’ 6-1 win with her first and second goals of the season, while forward Azaria Muhammad tallied the game’s most impressive goal, weaving through nearly four yards of Parkdale’s defense before finding the net. The varsity boys earned a 5-2 road victory, while the JV boys also triumphed over the Panthers and a muddy playing surface – still recovering from Hurricane Ian’s remnants – in their final preparation before battling archrival Bowie on Wednesday, October 12.



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Greenbelters walk through neighborhoods surrounding the Roosevelt Center.  
- Photos by Sununu Bah

treasures and gems of Greenbelt during the walk. They will be able to learn that Greenbelt has things they didn't know existed, he said. For example, the residents in the new Motiva apartments will learn of Buddy Attick Park or Schrom Hills.

One resident in particular, Lauren Cato, who is a member of the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee, said she was invited to come out to the event for the first time and learned a lot from the experience. "There are so many people that I don't know. Yes, I'm involved in a lot of community events but you still get to meet new people and learn [about] things that are going on in Greenbelt," said Cato, who is a 17-year resident of Greenbelt.

One aspect of the HUG Walk that was new last year but did not occur this year was plogging, which is jogging or walking while picking up litter. Goldberg-Strassler said he was not able to find a plogger-in-chief to lead the initiative.

Despite plogging not occurring this year, Goldberg-Strassler noted the impact it has had in the community. "There are more people [plogging] than when I started cleaning up the streets – it was just me and maybe two other people – it's now in double digits," he said. "More people are interested in helping people all over."

Bonkosky said she is a big fan of Goldberg-Strassler's work.



HUG walkers take a break near the Windsor Green Community Center with organizer Goldberg-Strassler (right) as they wait for other walkers to catch up.



Robert Goldberg-Strassler shows off chalk drawing advertising the HUG Walk.

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*Sununu Bah is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the Greenbelt News Review.*



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